

**In the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-16 are canceled.

17. (Currently Amended) A connector component for connecting a drawer frame (12) to a drawer bottom (10), the arrangement comprising:

a strip-shaped vertical contact web (26) having a lower end; and

a supporting leg (28) projecting from the lower end of the contact web (26), the supporting leg (28) including an inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) having a first edge directly adjoining the lower end of the contact web (26) and an outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) farthest away from the contact web (26), the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) having a free edge and an opposite edge directly adjoining a second edge of the inner strip-shaped leg portion opposite its first edge, the inner and outer strip-shaped leg portions (28a, 28b) being substantially parallel but offset relative to one another with the inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) being offset a greater distance relative to the lower end of the contact web (26) than that of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b); the support leg (28) having at least one fixing claw (32) with pointed free ends integrally punched-out and projecting substantially perpendicularly therefrom, the supporting leg (28) having at least one elongate punched-out slot (30) defined therein between the lower end of the contact web (26) and the free edge of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b), the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) extending longitudinally the entire length of the inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) and the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) being substantially planar prior to assembly.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The connector component in accordance with claim 17, wherein~~  
A connector component for connecting a drawer frame (12) to a drawer bottom (10), the arrangement comprising:

a strip-shaped vertical contact web (26) having a lower end; and

a supporting leg (28) projecting from the lower end of the contact web (26), the supporting leg (28) including an inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) having a first edge directly adjoining the lower end

of the contact web (26) and an outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) farthest away from the contact web (26), the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) having a free edge and an opposite edge directly adjoining a second edge of the inner strip-shaped leg portion opposite its first edge, the inner and outer strip-shaped leg portions (28a, 28b) being substantially parallel but offset relative to one another with the inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) being offset a greater distance relative to the lower end of the contact web (26) than that of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b); the support leg (28) having at least one fixing claw (32) with pointed free ends integrally punched-out and projecting substantially perpendicularly therefrom, the supporting leg (28) having at least one elongate punched-out slot (30) defined therein between the lower end of the contact web (26) and the free edge of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b), the punched-out slot (30) is provided in the supporting leg (28) in a junction region between the inner and outer strip-shaped leg portions (28a, 28b) with the at least one fixing claw (32) projecting integrally from an edge of the punched-out slot (30) which extends substantially parallel to the contact web (26).

19. (Previously Presented) The connector component in accordance with claim 18, wherein the at least one fixing claw (32) comprises at least one pair of substantially parallel fixing claws spaced apart from one another from the edge of the punched-out slot (30).

20. (Previously Presented) The connector component in accordance with claim 18, wherein the at least one fixing claw (32) is formed by tab-shaped extensions formed from material of the supporting leg (28) punched-out from the slot (30), and the free ends of the at least one fixing claw is chamfered to form a point.

21. (Previously Presented) The connector component in accordance with claim 20, wherein the chamfer of the free end of one of the fixing claws (32) extends in a direction opposite to the chamfer of another fixing claw (32) so that the free ends of the fixing claws deform in opposite directions upon the application of force.

22. (Previously Presented) The connector component in accordance with claim 21, wherein the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) of the supporting leg (28) has at least one hole (34) defined

therethrough.

23. (Currently Amended) The connector component in accordance with claim 22, wherein the connector component (14) is punched pressed from sheet metal and is configured in its region to be installed along an underside of the drawer frame (12) to have a cross-section corresponding to an internal cross-section of a region of a hollow chamber profile of ~~[[a]]~~ the drawer frame (12) in which the connector component (14) is received.

24. (Currently Amended) An assembled furniture structure comprising:  
a drawer frame (12) formed by a metal hollow chamber profile;  
a plate-shaped drawer bottom (10) having a facing lateral edge; and  
a connecting component (14) connecting the drawer frame (12) to the facing lateral edge of the drawer bottom (10), the connecting component (14) comprising:

a strip-shaped vertical contact web (26) having a lower end;

a supporting leg (28) projecting from the lower end of the contact web (26), the supporting leg (28) including an inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) having a first edge directly adjoining the lower end of the contact web (26) and an outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) farthest away from the contact web (26), the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) having a free edge and an opposite edge directly adjoining a second edge of the inner strip-shaped leg portion opposite its first edge, the inner and outer strip-shaped leg portions (28a, 28b) being substantially parallel but offset relative to one another with the inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) being offset a greater distance relative to the lower end of the contact web (26) than that of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b); the support leg (28) having at least one fixing claw (32) with pointed free ends integrally punched-out and projecting substantially perpendicularly therefrom, the supporting leg (28) having at least one elongate punched-out slot (30) defined therein between the lower end of the contact web (26) and the free edge of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b), the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) extending longitudinally the entire length of the inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) and the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) being substantially planar prior to assembly.

25. (Previously Presented) The assembled furniture structure in accordance with claim 24, further comprising a connecting fitting (38) disposed interiorly of the hollow chamber profile forming the drawer frame (12).

26. (Previously Presented) The assembled furniture structure in accordance with claim 24, further comprising:

a guide rail (44) received within the drawer frame (12); and

an automatic drawer retraction device (50) having a housing (48), a pawl component (52) for triggering a retraction function, and a catch (54) disposed on the guide rail (44); the housing (48) of the automatic drawer retraction device (50) being disposed on an underside, facing away from the drawer bottom, of the supporting leg (28) of the connector component (14) so that the pawl component (52) projects, during pull-out or push-in movement of the drawer bottom (10), into a path of the catch (54).

27. (Previously Presented) The assembled furniture structure in accordance with claim 26, further comprising a damping device provided in the housing (48) for slowing down the retraction function of the pawl component (52) after it has been triggered by the catch (54).

28. (Previously Presented) The assembled furniture structure in accordance with claim 27, wherein the damping device is provided with a damper and has a fluid or gaseous damping medium.

29. (Previously Presented) The assembled furniture structure in accordance with claim 26, wherein the housing (48) of the automatic retraction device (50) is mounted to the supporting leg (28) of the connector component (14).

30. (Previously Presented) The assembled furniture structure in accordance with claim 29, wherein the housing (48) of the automatic retraction device (50) has an additional connection to the drawer frame (12) in its region which projects over the supporting leg (28) in the pull-out or retraction directional movement of the drawer bottom (10).

31. (Previously Presented) The assembled furniture structure in accordance with claim 30, wherein the additional connection of housing (48) of the automatic retraction device (50) to the drawer frame (12) is a tongue (58) that projects from the housing (48), pointing in the pull-out or retraction directional movement of the drawer bottom (10) and is received within a receptacle defined in the drawer frame (12).

32. (New) A connector component for connecting a drawer frame (12) to a drawer bottom (10), the arrangement comprising:

a strip-shaped vertical contact web (26) having a lower end; and  
a supporting leg (28) projecting from the lower end of the contact web (26), the supporting leg (28) including an inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) having a first edge directly adjoining the lower end of the contact web (26) and an outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) farthest away from the contact web (26), the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) having a free edge and an opposite edge directly adjoining a second edge of the inner strip-shaped leg portion opposite its first edge, the inner and outer strip-shaped leg portions (28a, 28b) being substantially parallel but offset relative to one another with the inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) being offset a greater distance relative to the lower end of the contact web (26) than that of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b); the support leg (28) having at least one fixing claw (32) with pointed free ends integrally punched-out and projecting substantially perpendicularly therefrom, the supporting leg (28) having at least one elongate punched-out slot (30) defined therein between the lower end of the contact web (26) and the free edge of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b), the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) extending longitudinally the entire length of the inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) and the free edge of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28a) being substantially linear.

33. (New) An assembled furniture structure comprising:

a drawer frame (12) formed by a metal hollow chamber profile;  
a plate-shaped drawer bottom (10) having a facing lateral edge; and  
a connecting component (14) connecting the drawer frame (12) to the facing lateral edge of the drawer bottom (10), the connecting component (14) comprising:

a strip-shaped vertical contact web (26) having a lower end;  
a supporting leg (28) projecting from the lower end of the contact web (26), the supporting leg (28) including an inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) having a first edge directly adjoining the lower end of the contact web (26) and an outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) farthest away from the contact web (26), the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) having a free edge and an opposite edge directly adjoining a second edge of the inner strip-shaped leg portion opposite its first edge, the inner and outer strip-shaped leg portions (28a, 28b) being substantially parallel but offset relative to one another with the inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) being offset a greater distance relative to the lower end of the contact web (26) than that of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b); the support leg (28) having at least one fixing claw (32) with pointed free ends integrally punched-out and projecting substantially perpendicularly therefrom, the supporting leg (28) having at least one elongate punched-out slot (30) defined therein between the lower end of the contact web (26) and the free edge of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b), the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) extending longitudinally the entire length of the inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) and the free edge of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28a) being substantially linear.

34. (New) An assembled furniture structure comprising:

a drawer frame (12) formed by a metal hollow chamber profile;  
a plate-shaped drawer bottom (10) having a facing lateral edge; and  
a connecting component (14) connecting the drawer frame (12) to the facing lateral edge of the drawer bottom (10), the connecting component (14) comprising:

a strip-shaped vertical contact web (26) having a lower end;  
a supporting leg (28) projecting from the lower end of the contact web (26), the supporting leg (28) including an inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) having a first edge directly adjoining the lower end of the contact web (26) and an outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) farthest away from the contact web (26), the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b) having a free edge and an opposite edge directly adjoining a second edge of the inner strip-shaped leg portion opposite its first edge, the inner and outer strip-shaped leg portions (28a, 28b) being substantially parallel but offset relative to one another with the inner strip-shaped leg portion (28a) being offset a greater distance relative to the

lower end of the contact web (26) than that of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b); the support leg (28) having at least one fixing claw (32) with pointed free ends integrally punched-out and projecting substantially perpendicularly therefrom, the supporting leg (28) having at least one elongate punched-out slot (30) defined therein between the lower end of the contact web (26) and the free edge of the outer strip-shaped leg portion (28b), the punched-out slot (30) is provided in the supporting leg (28) in a junction region between the inner and outer strip-shaped leg portions (28a, 28b) with the at least one fixing claw (32) projecting integrally from an edge of the punched-out slot (30) which extends substantially parallel to the contact web (26).